

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH

Please remember the following :

† Joseph Bryan, Genevieve Britto, Florence Meager, Edith Humphreys, Kathleen Davies, Kathleen Gooding, Tony Mander, Louisa Bruce, John Roberts, Peter Zuelchaur, Leonard Carlile, Linda Conroy, Arthur Bann, James Rockell, James Coughlan, Thomas Spalding, Bill Wisbey, Kenneth Dawson, Edith Timmermans, Edward Dean, May Mills, Carmen Kelly, Stephen Dowie, Jim Dixon, Pat McKelvie, Mary d'Eca, Catherine Harman, Jenny Adamson, Michael Sheaf, Maria Coleman, Joan Pollock, Sean O'Sullivan, Barbara Neagle, Brian Hanley, Monica Winn, James Curtis, Barbara McKelvie, Robert Stone, Teresa Pitcher, Shirley Sharrad, Joan James, Manuel Sufredo, Gabby Millar, Barbara Devereux †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 6pm and 8.45am

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation 6pm and 8.45am

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want.

Gospel Acclamation 10.45am

Glory to you O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion

at home: Jo Williams, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Roland de Cruz, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron, Jack Pollock. Margaret Yorke-Starkey.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Kitty Grange, Robert Walliker, Sonia Curtis, Julie Stubbs, Colin Bennett, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kalogerides, Maureen Woodcock, Rosie Stubbs, Mark Whitton, Shirley Essex, Emma Tredgett, Elisa Roffey, Anthony Betts, Gary Perez, Karel O'Rourke, Doug Woulds, Monica McGrath, Michael Tobin, Marion Storey, Alison Gleave, Joan Butcher, Pat Davison, Jackie and Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, James Corr, Hilary Bliss, Paul Herbert, Joan O'Connor, Alan Essex, Glenda Rhodes, Esmé Kelly, Severino D'Andrea, Phyllis Green, Dexter and Claire Stubbs, John Wilks, Arthur Partington, John Morton, Tom Grain.

To arrange visits to the sick and house-bound please contact Sharon in the office. New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr Brett will contact you in due course.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

Right in the middle of Lent on this, *Laetare Sunday*, we are called to rejoice! The cause of our joy is echoed very clearly in the 2nd Reading and the gospel. St Paul says that, "God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy." In the gospel we hear that very famous verse from John, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life."

It is very difficult to articulate something as profound as God's abundant, unconditional love for us; mere words fail in communicating the magnitude of such a thing. Perhaps part of our Lenten prayer might involve asking God to help us go beyond the words to appreciate the reality? However, despite our limitedness in understanding the significance of these statements, we should find them comforting because, even though we 'miss the mark' at times and will never completely meet the very high ideals that Jesus espouses, God will always be there for us, helping us and inviting to the liberation that He promises; last week's gospel, this week's and next week's gospel are all about liberation.

Liberation is about being free, about knowing what is true and right, and above all about living as we were designed to live, in communion with God and with each other. This doesn't happen at the 'drop of the hat' or by snapping one's fingers. It is a process, a journey, a movement from darkness to light. Throughout the ages, many people have been inspired to undertake this journey, all driven by one common denominator: they wanted to seek the truth and they had an inkling/sense that the truth resides in God. And so, I see our Catholic Faith as a quest, a quest that takes courage, perseverance and great faith. Let's pray for the inspiration and determination to reinvest ourselves in this quest.

We celebrate Mothering Sunday this weekend, thanking God for the gift of Motherhood, and all the love, hard work and care that flow from it. Thank you, mums! We also remember our mothers that are no longer with us and pray that they are held safely and lovingly in the arms of God.

Wishing you well for the week.

Fr Brett



10th MARCH – 18th MARCH 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday - Year B - Mother's Day

Saturday 10th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 11th	8.45am*	Fourth Sunday of Lent (The Second Scrutiny)/Laetare Sunday Thanksgiving for Rosemary (Pat Brosnan)
	10.45am	Michael O'Sullivan RIP (O'Sullivan Family)
	4.00pm	Vespers (St. George's)
Monday 12th	9.15am	Feria Marion Wainwright RIP (Joan Butcher)
Tuesday 13th	9.15am*	Feria Tom Spalding RIP and John Spalding RIP (Monica Spalding)
Wednesday 14th	9.15am	Feria Samantha Glover RIP, and her family (Joan and Tony McD)
Thursday 15th	9.15am	Feria Eucharistic Service
Friday 16th	9.15am 7.30pm	Feria James Curtis RIP (Sonia Curtis and Family) Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 18th	8.45am*	Fifth Sunday of Lent (The Third Scrutiny) For the health of John Hedderman (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Mairaid McPhillips RIP (Chris and Tom)
	4.00pm*	Vespers (St. Gregory's)

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay *

Confessions at St. George's—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.

Morning Prayer will begin at 9am, followed by Mass at 9.15am, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a programme that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9.00am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places. Full details online at www.bcys.net

The Crucifixion

A Meditation on the Sacred Passion of the Holy Redeemer

an oratorio composed by
John Stainer

At St Bede Chadwell Heath

Saturday 24th March 7.30pm

Free admission - retiring collection

SOUTHEND DEANERY LENT TALKS

Theme: - 'The Ministries to which we are called'

Taking place at Nazareth House, Southend. Due to the second talk being cancelled because of the snow, this has now been added onto the end. Please see details below. They all begin at 7.30pm, and end with devotions and Benediction. Priests will be available to hear Confessions.

15th March - 'Abbotswick and Beyond' given by Fr Dominic Howarth and talking about the formation of our young people.

22nd March - 'Devotion to Mary means Apostleship' given by Brian Holt -President of the Comitium for the Legion of Mary in our Diocese.

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK

12-19 March 2018

This year marks the 10th anniversary of this annual week of prayer so this particular decade of prayer offers many opportunities for communities and parish groups to join together in prayer, formally and informally. Further information about the week can be found on <http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk/dementia-prayer-week.html>

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent!

For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re) discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. For more details, and all the resources, look at www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood. To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>. To find out more about all our opportunities for young people go to www.bcys.net

VACANCIES

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic

School, Rayleigh - The Governing Body is looking to appoint two enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teachers, one in Early Years and one in KS1/2 to join our friendly and dedicated team.

Please refer to the school website www.olorcps.net for full details or contact Mr Parascandolo (Head Teacher) 01268-785741 to visit the school.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary currently have positions for class teachers starting in September 2018. For more information please contact the school office via email at office@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk or call on 01702 534546 for an application pack.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, 28th May 2018.

Last Few Seats....

Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. Contact 01 268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we will be raising money for CAFOD.

Everyone welcome after the 10.45am

Mass. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, and cakes, plus meet up with your parish friends.

The Coffee Mornings for the next few weeks are raising money as follows: -

18 March - CAFÉ Group

25 March - Youth J & P

1 April - Easter Sunday (no coffee morning)



EASTER FLOWERS

Next weekend we will be having a retiring collection towards the

Easter Flowers at both churches. Our flower arrangers work really hard to make the churches look particularly beautiful, and we are very grateful to all of them.



DEANERY MEETING

Rather unusually, and probably due to a booking error on his part, Fr Brett will be around for the Deanery Meeting on Wednesday. This does mean that Mass will be at the earlier time of 9.15am.

RCIA NEWS

This weekend, at the 10.45am Mass, our Candidates and Catechumens will go through The Second Scrutiny as part of their journey towards either being received into the Church at Easter, or being Confirmed at Pentecost.

Please remember Michael, Sam, Leah, Maudy, Wallace, Betty and Ola in your prayers.

THIS WEEK

Vespers and Benediction continue this Sunday at St. George's at 4pm. Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7.30pm in St. George's, and this coming week we have our Senior Justice and Peace Group leading us.

DEANERY SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION

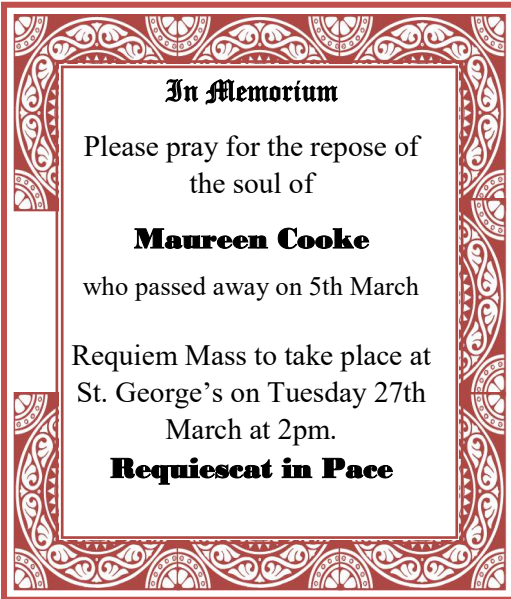
There will be Reconciliation Services held as follows during Lent: - Monday 12th March - 7.30pm - Sacred Heart Church, Southend on Sea.

Friday 23rd March - 8pm - St. Peter's, Eastwood.

(please note this has been moved from Thursday 22nd March)

OFFERTORY

The offertory last weekend came to £885.03 excluding Gift Aid and standing orders. Many thanks to all.



COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

All Ministers who take Communion out to our housebound friends should have now received their new rotas. If you haven't yet received your rota please contact Sharon in the office.

Many thanks to all of you for your help and assistance.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you need a low gluten host please speak with an usher on arrival in Church, and they will arrange this.

CATHOLICS PLAN MASS-ROSARY PRAYER AROUND THE BRITISH COAST

On Sunday, April 29, at 3:00pm parishioners and priests from the Southend Deanery will gather on the beach at the Crowstone, Chalkwell Beach at the bottom of Chalkwell Avenue to pray the rosary. This prayer event is taking place all around the coast in the UK. The date will mark 50 years since the Abortion Act coming into effect. Organisers say the mass-rosary prayer will help combat the "present threats to faith, the dignity of the human person and to peace", and encourage a "re-flourishing of our Faith". The organisers said. "We believe that if the rosary is prayed by about a million along the borders of the country, it may not only change the course of



events, but open hearts of our compatriots to the grace of God,"

If you want to know more then please visit <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>

EASTER EGG COLLECTION

We will be collecting Easter Eggs for those less fortunate than ourselves over the next couple of weekends. Please bring them along to either church at any time, with the last collecting date being Palm Sunday.



THE GEORGIAN

Wanted! Articles for the next edition of 'The Georgian'. Please send by email any items for inclusion in our next edition to Frank McEvoy at: mcevoy@ymail.com
Closing Date: 17/18 March.

HOMELESS NEWS

This month we are asking for Tinned Vegetables - peas, carrots, assorted beans etc., plus Breakfast Cereals. Also, as a regular item, long-life milk is always needed. Thank you to everyone who donates, it is much appreciated.

400 CLUB

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our most recent draw: -
£50 Mr. P. Driscoll; £20 Mrs. J. MacDonald; £15 Miss E. Wilson and £15 Mr John Pither

CAME LENT BREAKFAST

Please join the Churches Together in Woking for the next breakfast (the last one was very successful). Taking place in the Methodist Hall (behind the church) in Woking High Street on Saturday 24th March at 8.30am. All welcome.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

The new envelopes for those who Gift Aid are now available in the porches of both churches. Please remember to pick yours up when next in church. New members always welcome!

TO ALL MOTHERS

May God's many blessings
Be yours forever more
And may you know you're valued
And loved by the Lord
Especially on this day
That we have set aside
To show our appreciation
To the Mothers in our lives.

By M.S. Lowndes

